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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The March 15, 2006 Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are amended, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

**SPECIFICATION**

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires that a substitute specification in proper idiomatic English and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b) be submitted. In response, the specification is amended to correct typographical, grammatical and/or translation errors. While the Examiner has requested that Applicant submit a substitute specification, Applicant respectfully states that in view of the number of amendments to the specification, a substitute specification is not necessary.

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If the Examiner is aware of any other amendments which should be made to the specification, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner advise Applicant's attorney of his specific requested changes so that appropriate amendments can be made.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 112

In the Office Action, claims 57-62 are rejected under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In addition, claims 57-62 are rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response to the Examiner's assertion that claims 57-62 fail to comply with the written description requirement, Applicant respectfully states that the language set forth in the claims is supported by the application as originally filed. In the Office Action the Examiner states that the "user information storage means/device for storing/which stores user information regarding information terminals which are permitted to access the printing information distributing apparatus" is new matter. Applicant respectfully states that this limitation corresponds to

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a member file 2B shown in Figs. 4 and 8 of the present application with reference to page 33, line 13 - page 34, line 2, inter alia.

With regard to the Examiner's assertion that the "information terminal authenticating means/device" is new matter, Applicant respectfully states that this limitation corresponds to a user authentication processing shown in Fig. 25 with reference to page 69, line 11 - page 70, line 22, inter alia. The limitation regarding the information terminal authenticating means has been amended in this response to correspond to the application as filed.

With regard to the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112, claims 57 and 60 have been amended to more clearly comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 57-62 under 35 USC 112 are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102

In the Office Action claims 57-62 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 006116505A.

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In item 10 at page 4 of the Office Action the Examiner states that "Withrow does not explicitly teach printing information generating (retrieval) and transmission means/device. However, since the structure recited in the reference is substantially identical to that of the claims, these claimed properties are presumed to be inherent (MPEP §2112.01)."

Applicant has amended claims 57 and 60 to more clearly define the printing reservation information limitation of the present claimed invention. The printing reservation information is now defined as including a name of the desired printing information, a printing medium type indicating a type of medium for printing, and a number of prints.

Withrow does not disclose, teach or suggest the printing reservation information as now recited in claims 57 and 60.

None of the other references of record close the gap between the present claimed invention as defined by amended claims 57 and 60 and Withrow. Therefore, claims 57 and 60 and claims 58, 59, 61 and 62 which are dependent on claims 57 and 60 are patentable under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

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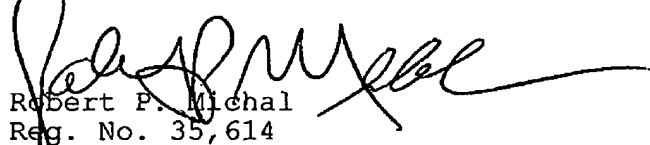
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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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